

Patent Claims

1. A protocol device in a protocol system for transmitting messages,
5 characterized in that
the protocol device uses the protocol information which is contained in a monitoring message received by it to determine whether this monitoring message contains information which is newer than the current information
10 state in the protocol device, and updates, or does not update, its information state on the basis of this decision.
2. The protocol device as claimed in claim 1,
15 characterized in that
said protocol device additionally successively numbers those monitoring messages for which it cannot reconstruct the sequence of the received monitoring messages on the basis of said protocol information.
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3. The protocol device as claimed in claim 1 or 2,
characterized in that
the monitoring messages are messages for flow monitoring.